The Law and the Believer

Romans 7

Lesson 12 Questions

First Day: Read the Lesson 11 Notes.

The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.

1. What truth or explanation from the lecture clarified a believer's position in Christ for you?

2. How did the notes help you understand God's grace or influence your desire to obey God?

Second Day: Read Romans 7:1-6.

Paul explained a believer's freedom from the law.

3. How does Paul's illustration of marriage illustrate a believer's death to sin and the law? (See also Romans 6:11-14, 18.)

4. a. From what does Christ's death free believers, and to whom do they now belong?

   b. From Romans 7:4, what is a believer's new purpose?

5. If you are a believer, how has the Holy Spirit freed you from self-effort to bear fruit for God? (See also John 15:1-5; Galatians 5:16-23.)

Third Day: Read Romans 7:7-13.

Paul described how sin and the law work in the lives of people.

6. a. What does the law do for people?

   b. Describe Paul's example of how a restriction, guideline, or rule can arouse sinful desires. How have you experienced this?

7. From Romans 7:10-13, how did Paul describe the law and commandment positively? Why?

8. How do God's righteous commands reveal sin's damaging impact in your life?

Fourth Day: Read Romans 7:14-20.

Paul explained his own internal battle with sin.

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9. How did Paul describe his battle with sin?

10. How might Paul's battle with sin relate to his teaching in Romans 6:11-14?

11. a. If you are a believer, how have you experienced a battle similar to Paul's?

b. How would you simply and clearly explain a believer's ongoing battle with sin to a new Christian?

Fifth Day: Read Romans 7:21-25.

Paul cried out for complete deliverance from his sinful nature.

12. a. How did Paul describe his internal desires in verses 21-23?

b. In what ways do your deepest longings reflect the Holy Spirit's transformation within you? (See also Galatians 5:16-18; Philippians 1:6.)

c. How do you experience the conflict between God's ways and the sin remaining in and around you?

13. What exclamation, question, and grateful answer did Paul express in verses 24-25?

14. Share about a time when distress over sin led you to desperate prayer, like Paul. How did God answer you?

Sixth Day: Review Romans 7.

Believers belong to Jesus even as they struggle against sin.

15. How did Romans 7 help you better understand the believer's battle to live for God in this life?

Homiletics for Group and Administrative Leaders: Romans 7